

STIMSON IS FOR HOLDING PHILIPPINES

Secretary of War in Report Declares Against Granting Independence to the Island Possessions.

ARMY CONDITIONS SHOWN IN DETAIL

Improvement of Service and Greater Efficiency Are Told to Congress in Official Message.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Unsparring condemnation of those who would from "misplaced sentimentality or lay self interest" cast the Philippines upon the world in the state of helplessness and before they had acquired the full benefits of American civilization, is a strong feature in the annual report of Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Many other subjects of interest are treated in the report, such as the relations of the National Guard to the army, the improvement in the army tactical methods, the inadequacy of the present reserve law, the crying need of citizenship for the Porto Ricans, the conservation of the national water power, the navigable streams and the advisability of amending the Panama Canal Tolls act so as to reimpose tolls on American coastwise shipping leaving the waterway.

Army Shows Increase
Dealing first with purely military subjects, the secretary states the strength of the regular army at the beginning of the present fiscal year at \$2,205, an increase during the year of 189 officers and 7,321 enlisted men. He says the spirit of the personnel of the army continues to improve, as attributable not only to the work of the service schools and the General Staff but to the practical opportunities afforded by the recent maneuvers and changes in organization and methods. Unit officers are speedily discovered under the searching tests of field conditions. "One of the surest ways of getting rid of the dead wood of our army is to work it as far as possible under the applicability of methods of modern military training," the secretary declares. In treating of the morale of the army, Secretary Stimson, asserts his belief that the so-called anti-canteen legislation has been responsible for much vice, a statement which he supports by a recital of the results of his own inspection of forty-nine of the mobile army posts, where he found the military reservations adorned by dives and ill-reports of the vilest character. These conditions he believes to be the ultimate cause, "which make the record of our army in this respect shameful beyond that of any army of any civilized nation."

Militia is Saved
Under the head of reorganization of the foreign garrisons the report directs attention to the benefits attending the substitution for twelve reduced strength regiments in the Philippines, by a garrison of six regiments of full strength with a resulting saving of over one million dollars per year. The immediate completion of the posts at Panama and Hawaii, he strongly urged as by far the most important items of military expenditure for the immediate future. It is said that the locks and machinery at Panama already have reached a condition of extreme vulnerability in case of sudden attack, yet no greater force can be sent there than the one regiment now on guard until new quarters are constructed for them, and the secretary urges that such works should begin at once. On the other hand, says the secretary, the base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is of far greater strategic importance for the protection of the entire Pacific coast from attack than any of the positions on that coast now so strongly fortified. No naval enemy could make a serious effective attack upon any portion of the American Pacific coast, unless it had first reduced the position at Oahu, threatening its flank. Quarters for the men who are to protect the great stalls, naval material, and seacoast guns from falling into the hands of land attackers should be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Shorten Training Period
The tactical reorganization of the army on the basis of three infantry divisions, the report shows, has progressed as far as possible without congressional assistance in the way of providing for large ample posts, and a series of conferences of the general officers of the army have been planned for this winter. As a result, the time now necessary at the outbreak of war to organize the regular army, will be dispensed with. Touching the army reserve, towards which congress has made a start in the present appropriation bill, the secretary said that the most serious defect in the plan is that it creates too long a period of service with the colors. The experience of the United

ATTORNEY FIGHTS NEWSPAPER LAW



James M. Beck.

Former Assistant Attorney General James M. Beck is one of the principal attorneys in the case now pending in the United States supreme court, brought to test the constitutionality of the newspaper publicity law. Attorney Beck argues that as the constitution did not expressly give any power to regulate journalism, any attempted regulation can only be justified as a necessary and proper means to carry out some federal function.

He denies that the regulation of newspaper ownership and the enforced publicity of its business can be an appropriate means of carrying out the federal power over the mails.

TRAIN ROBBERS MAKE HAUL \$20,000 GOLD

Express Car on Train of Santa Fe Branch Line Is Successfully Looted

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 9.—A \$20,000 gold haul was made by two robbers who held up the express car of the Santa Western train between Bakersfield and Taft, Cal., tonight. The money was consigned to the First National bank at Taft by the First National bank of Bakersfield and was not placed in the express safe. When the train arrived at Taft, railroad men were forced to break down the door of the express car. In a corner, covered with mail sacks was M. W. Hamby, the express messenger, who was just regaining consciousness. Hamby was apparently only stunned and physicians declared he was not seriously injured. He could provide but few details of the robbery. Apparently he is still suffering from the effects of a blow and is rather incoherent.

Officials of the First National bank here confirmed the fact that \$20,000 was shipped to Taft and that they had been notified of the theft of the gold.

The Sunset Western is a branch of the Santa Fe, which runs into the Midway oil fields. The train left here at 6 o'clock and the robbery occurred between 8:30 and 9. There are no stops between Maricopa and Taft and the robbers must have dropped from the train while it was in motion.

Several posses have left here for the scene of the robbery and others are searching the vicinity of Maricopa and Taft.

SNOWSLIDE CLAIMS LIVES NINE MINERS

Alaska Copper Camp Buried Beneath Avalanche with Severe Losses

CORDOVA, Alaska, Dec. 9.—Nine men are believed to have been killed today when a snowslide on Copper mountain carried away seven buildings of the Great Northern Development company. Eleven men were buried under the avalanche and only two have been removed alive. Three are known to be dead, and no hope is entertained for the other six.

The known dead are John Barto, James McGavock, Frank Wahls and two unidentified.

John McCarthy, a Japanese, named Kee, were rescued. McCarthy was seriously injured about the body and the knees and legs are broken. The bodies of Barto, McGavock and Wahls have been recovered. The mine was one of the largest copper properties in Alaska located by L. C. Dillman, the well known mining operator, and is owned by the Great Northern Development company, which has offices in New York. E. F. Gray, the manager of the company, is now in New York.

Will Investigate Charges Made for Bisbee-Naco Water

Corporation Commission Acts and Is Making a Physical Valuation of Property

PHOENIX, Dec. 9.—(Special)—A complaint charging the railroad companies which haul into Arizona with charging excessive freight rates on flour, cereals and other products will be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Arizona Corporation Commission, according to a decision reached by the members of the commission in session at the capital today. This will be the biggest case yet undertaken by the state body. The members of the commission also decided on their own motion to investigate the rates charged by the Morenci Water company. A similar investigation will be made regarding the Bisbee-Naco Water company, a petition complaining against the company having been filed by a number of Bisbee people. The commission now has an engineer in Bisbee making a physical valuation of the plant.

BEARS POUND STOCK MARKET

Low Prices Are Reached in Twenty-five Leading Issues With No Support Given

FEAR OF DECISIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The low prices in stocks of all classes for several months was recorded today when the selling movement, which was checked temporarily last week, was resumed today with increased vigor and some of the severest losses in the present decline were inflicted. At the close, when quotations were at the lowest, the average price for twenty-five leading issues, including fifteen railroads and ten industrials, had fallen within three points of the low average of the year, which was reached in February.

During the morning the market was quiet with few important changes. Traders do not care to take a decided position because of the chance of a decision today by the United States supreme court on important cases that are pending. As soon as word was received from Washington that none of these decisions would be rendered today, the selling began. Brokers said that the liquidation was chiefly on the part of out of town holders of securities, while local traders were chiefly responsible for the heavy short selling.

No concerted effort was made to support the list of so-called "big interests," apparently not being averse to further drops. There was some further scaling of loans by financial institutions which may have been a factor in the day's operations. The copper producers' monthly statement showed the expected increase in stock on hand, the gain in exports having been more than offset by the shrinkage in domestic consumption. Bonds were weak with declines in some active issues running from one to two points. Total sales for value \$1,570,000. Government bonds were unchanged.

TESTIMONY PUTS BAD LIGHT ON ARCHBALD

Witness Tells of His Action in Regard to Sale of Coal Dump Option

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—John P. Rittenhouse, of Scranton, Pa., an expert mining engineer, who surveyed the Kaituma coal bank, at Scranton, under the direction of W. R. Leley Brown, of the department of justice, testified today in the impeachment trial of Judge Archbald, of the commerce court, that the Erie railroad could have obtained \$35,000 for the coal out of the refuse instead of \$4,500, for which it agreed to give an option to E. J. Williams, a business associate of Judge Archbald.

A positive statement has been made that he was offered an option to purchase an interest in the Kaituma coal dump by E. J. Williams, in the office of Judge Archbald, at Scranton, several days after Archbald informed him that Williams had no authority to sell, was made by Thomas H. Jones, of Scranton. The statement was brought out in cross-examination by Representative Webb, of North Carolina, part of the house managers. The witness said that Williams offered to sell an interest in the dump for \$25,000 and accompanied him to the office of Judge Archbald. There, the witness said, Archbald to sell any part of the coal dump.

THOSE WHO HAVE CONFESSED ARE ALONE GUILTY IS CLAIM OF DYNAMITE DEFENDANTS



At the top, left to right, H. W. Legleitner, Frank M. Ryan and Moulton H. Davis; at the bottom, John T. Butler and Philip A. Cooley.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—(Special)—That those who already have confessed alone caused the illegal transportation of explosives on passenger trains to blow up non-union iron and steel mills—that is the defense of the forty odd defendants in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial now being held in Indianapolis.

On the stand for several days last week President Frank M. Ryan of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers denied emphatically that he had had anything to do with the long series of explosions which for several years

before and including 1910 terrorized employers of non-union labor in the structural steel and iron world. The defense of John T. Butler, first vice president of the association, is the same. "I want to declare that I never knew the association to provide any funds for dynamiting, and as an international officer for many years, I ought to know what's going on," says Butler. "If there were crimes planned in the union I knew nothing of them."

A determined effort is also being made to show that the executive board of the union never appropriated a dollar to be used for dynamit-

ing. Among the more prominent members of this board are Moulton H. Davis, Philip A. Cooley and H. W. Legleitner. The case against Davis has already been dismissed by the government.

Senator Kern and William N. Harding, attorneys for the defense, are confident of their ability to convince the jury that "jobs" referred to in the letters of the union officials, meant only new work which offered opportunity for union men to get employment. They declare that it is upon these very letters which the government quoted in the indictments that the defense will rest its case.

CLEARING SYSTEMS ARE UNDER PROBE OF INVESTIGATORS

Hearings on So-called Money Trust Proceed and Hardships Put Upon Banks Are Disclosed.

EXCHANGE CHARGES INCREASE PROFITS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The clearing house domination of banking institutions formed a basis for the first day's examination of witnesses before the banking and currency committee's investigation of the so-called money trust, which was resumed today. Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the commission, in conducting the examination, endeavored to show a general movement among the clearing houses to impose on the banks a rule enforcing the collecting of commissions on out-of-town checks collected by the banks.

In this connection was ascertained that the Baltimore clearing house declined to admit a state bank of Maryland to clearing membership, because it would not be forced to abide by the clearing house rule enforcing collections.

From Pittsburgh bankers, Untermyer elicited the information that a suit was pending to prevent the enforcement of the rule, which was adopted in conjunction with the clearing houses of Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus. The Mellon National bank, Farmer's Deposit Bank and the Lincoln National bank of Pittsburgh, declined to accept the rule and are seeking an injunction to prevent its operation.

Robert W. Wardrop, president of the Pittsburgh Clearing house, told the committee that collections of out of town checks free of charge would not embarrass banks financially, but the imposition of a rate exchange was for the purpose of "increasing earnings."

USE NOVEL DISGUISE

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 9.—Thieves in the guise of tax collectors, today stole diamonds worth ten thousand dollars from the jewelry store of Adolph Wibel. They asked the clerk to show them the diamonds. He did so, whereupon the men bound and gagged him and securing the stones, they walked leisurely out of the store.

BULL MOOSERS GATHER TODAY

Col. Roosevelt and Others of the New Party Leaders Will Hold National Conference

TWO DAYS' SESSION

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Final preparations for the national conference of the progressive party, to be held tomorrow and Wednesday, were completed last night. Members of the local committee on arrangements, headed by Medill McCormick, announced that they had reserved accommodations for close to one thousand delegates.

The arrival of Colonel Roosevelt and members of his party from the east today was made the occasion of a demonstration by progressive who escorted their leader from the railway station to the Hotel La Salle with a procession of automobiles.

Tonight, members of the Illinois Progressive State Central committee and progressive members-elect of the Illinois legislature held a meeting to outline a tentative program for the coming session of the general assembly.

Bull Moose Program.
The program follows:
7:30 a. m.—Conference called to order by National Chairman Joseph M. Dixon of Montana.
11:30 a. m.—Address by Colonel Roosevelt.
2:00 p. m.—Address by Miss Jane Adams, who will also preside. Reports of committees.
6:30 p. m.—Dinner presided over by Alfred L. Baker. Brief speeches by Colonel Roosevelt and other leaders.

Wednesday.
10 a. m.—Third session of the conference. Discussion and reports.
2:00 p. m.—Final session of conference.
4:00 p. m.—National committee meeting to act on recommendations of conference.
On Wednesday night Colonel Roosevelt will dine at the Hull House Social settlement, of which Miss Jane Adams is the head.

ALLEN MURDER TRIAL

WYETHVILLE, Va., Dec. 9.—Evidence in the trial of Sidna Allen, charged with the murder of Attorney William M. Foster, in the Hillville courthouse tragedy, closed here today. Argument was opened was opened by the prosecution.

COMPLICATIONS IN WAR SITUATION IN EUROPE UNSETTLED

Russia Stands Pat and Believes No Irreconcilable Differences Exist Between Serbia and Austria.

FLEET IS REPORTED TO BE CONCENTRATED

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia, Dec. 9.—Russia's attitude in respect to the Balkan situation is unchanged by the apparently serious military preparations of Austria, the imperial German chancellors point in a speech to the Reichstag and the renewal of the various incidents are interpreted as developments of Austria's desire to safeguard her interests and prestige from the growing influence of Slavdom, the object being to compel Russia to disavow or Serbia the matter of an Adriatic port. In St. Petersburg the opinion is held that no irreconcilable difference remains between the minimum of the Serbian demand and the maximum that Austria is prepared to concede.

TURKEY NAMES ENVOYS

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, Dec. 9.—Official announcement was made today that Selil Bey, minister of marine, Reuchad Pasha, minister of agriculture, and Osman Nihal Pasha, ambassador to Germany, are appointed plenipotentiaries to the peace conference which will begin in London, December 13.

AUSTRIA MAKES CHANGES

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 9.—Important changes have taken place in the Austro-Hungarian war department. Gen. Auffenberg, minister of war, resigned today. Gen. Krolatin, under secretary of the war office, has been appointed his successor. Gen. Scheuan, chief of the general staff, who recently paid a significant visit to Berlin and conferred with Count Von Moltke, chief general of staff of the German army, has resigned. He has been succeeded by Gen. Von Hochtendorff, who held the same post several years ago.

The Austrian government has negotiated with a syndicate, headed by the Austrian postal savings bank including Kuhn, Loeb and company, and the National City bank of New York for an issue of 4 1/2 per cent treasury bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000 which will be taken at ninety seven, and redeemable at par in eight years and two months.

METAL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Copper quiet 16.87 1/2 to 17.12 1/2. Copper arrivals 435 tons. Exports this month 7,555 tons. London copper firm.

HEARINGS ON TARIFF WILL COVER MONTH

Ways and Means Committee Will Devote Three Days Each Week to Tariff Revision During January.

EACH SCHEDULE TO HAVE DAY AT LEAST

House Appropriates \$35,000,000 for Three Departments; Plans for Inauguration of Wilson Form.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Thorough revision, schedule by schedule, of the present tariff by the next congress was indicated by the decision today by democratic members of the house ways and means committee to have hearings on the tariff every Monday, Wednesday and Friday of January, beginning January 6. One day will be devoted to each schedule. It is thought, and if necessary in any case, not exceeding two days will be allowed. There are fourteen schedules, but they may merge two or three minor schedules with more important schedules, and the committee expects to complete the hearings by the end of January. One day, at the end of January will be set aside for those interested in free list and administrative features of proposed legislation.

Oppose Commerce Court.
Carrying appropriation of \$34,900,000 for the operation of the three great departments of the government until the next fiscal year, the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill passed the house today.

Further opposition to the maintenance of the interstate commerce court was manifested when Representative Gillette, of Massachusetts, moved \$54,500 for that court which was voted down 82 to 73.

Prepare for Inauguration.
A joint congressional inauguration committee would be authorized by a resolution adopted today by the senate, at the instance of Senator Overman, of North Carolina, providing the appointment of three members of the senate and same number in the house, to make the necessary arrangements for the inauguration of President-elect Wilson.

The resolution has not been acted upon by the house.

The two days' conference between Chairman McComb, of the democratic national committee and party leaders in and out of congress, ended last today when McComb left for New York. He said that he will make public tomorrow the name of the chairman of the committee, which will have charge of the preparations of the display connected with President-elect Wilson's inauguration.

SENATE IS PUZZLED

Whether a British private citizen, honored with the thanks of congress and possessor of a congressional medal, has the right to go on the floor of the United States senate chamber, is a question that gave officials of the body some busy moments today. Captain Arthur H. Rostron, the rescuer of 700 survivors of the Titanic, came to the senate in escort of Senator Smith, of Michigan, and spent some time meeting members of the body. The officials of the senate were not determined tonight whether he was entitled to the privilege of the floor, although Senator Smith insisted that Captain Rostron was entitled to the same privileges as in the house, where no question was raised as to his eligibility.

PHILLIPS' WORDS ARE HELD AGAINST HIM

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9.—For voting for John L. McNamara's reelection as secretary at the Milwaukee convention of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers in September, 1911, five months after McNamara was arrested for dynamiting Edward E. Phillips, of Syracuse, N. Y., one of the forty-one accused "bomb plotters" was subjected to a severe cross-examination at the government "dynamite conspiracy" trial today.

Phillips, as secretary of the Syracuse local union, told of many letters that he wrote to McNamara but denied he pointed out or proposed assassinations. The charges against Phillips were based on letter in which he referred to a job at Haverhill, N. Y., as follows: "It is a fine place to make an everlasting piece of work and set them thinking."